MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Disabilities of Teachers in Grant-in-aid schools.

139. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : (1) Are the Government aware of a conference of teachers and managers of Grant-in-aid schools which met at Neyyattinkara on 15-4-1105 ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they know that the teachers of Grant-in-aid schools are under great disabilities on account of the insufficiency of the grant, absence of any provision for privilege leave etc., and the want of a scheme for Provident Fund ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) Yes. Copies of the resolutions passed at the meeting have been received from the member who presided over that meeting.

(2) Government note the statement made by the member. The matter is being enquired into by the Director of Public Instruction.

Instructions by the Police Commissioner re preferring of complaints.

140. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Commissioner of Police has issued instructions orally or in writing to his executive subordinates that, as far as possible, they should advise people to prefer private complaints and avoid appearing as prosecutors in cases of criminal offence which come to their knowledge and, if so, whether such instructions are given after consultation with Government ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No such instructions have been issued.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that there are Police officers who openly declare that there are such instructions ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no such information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : If there are such officers may I know whether they are not acting improperly ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It is a hypothetical question.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether there are such officers ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The original question is whether the Commissioner of Police has given such instructions and that has been answered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : I ask a supplementary question whether the Government would enquire if there are such officers ?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered.

Delay in filling up the vacancy of the District Judge at Quilon.

141. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which Mr. R. Ramasubba Sastri, District Judge, Quilon, took leave preparatory to retirement and the date on which his successor was appointed ; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay in filling up the vacancy ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Mr. Ramasubba Sastri, District Judge, Quilon, was granted six months' furlough, preparatory to retirement from the 24th Tulam 1105/9th November 1929 and sanction to the leave was communicated to the High Court on 17-3-1105/2-11-1929. The recommendation of the High Court containing arrangements to fill up the vacancy was received by Government in two separate communications, one on the 6th November and the other on the 21st December 1929. Sanction to the arrangements was communicated to the High Court on the 1st January, 1930. There was no avoidable delay in filling up the vacancy.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Does the member mean to suggest that the High Court is responsibe for the delay ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no such suggestion in the answer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then may I know who is responsible for the piecemeal recommendation of the High Court on 6-11-1929 and 21-12-1929 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government called for certain further recommendation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : In that case, I would like to know what the recommendation of 6-11-1929 is ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Recommendations made by Departmental Heads to Government are confidential.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : So, the nature of the recommendation cannot be disclosed. May I know the additional information that the Government wanted from the High Court ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That also cannot be disclosed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know the date on which Government wanted additional information ? Can that be disclosed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Oh yes. 17th December 1929.

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